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Robert Niskanen has been active in biomedical engineering for more than 30 years with primary professional interests centering on resuscitation, emergency medicine and cardiovascular disease. Through Resurgent Biomedical, Bob consults for several medical device companies - all related to improving survival from sudden cardiac arrest. Prior to starting Resurgent Biomedical Consulting, Bob was a Senior Principal Scientist at Physio-Control in Redmond, Washington for more than 25 years. As the Director of Research and then VP of Clinical Research, he was involved in both technical and clinical research in CPR, defibrillation, ventilation, acute myocardial infarction triage, and medical data management. Bob is also Cofounder and past Chairman of the Board of Take Heart America™ Sudden Cardiac Arrest Initiative, pioneering the systems-based approach to improving survival from sudden cardiac arrest (www.takeheartamerica.org).

Bob delights in working with engineers, scientists, physicians, researchers, business professionals, and others to solve problems in emergency medicine. He is convinced that dramatic improvements can and will be made in the survival rate of sudden cardiac arrest through collaboration.

Bob is active with a number of professional organizations including the National Association of EMS Physicians, Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, American College of Emergency Physicians, AHA, European Resuscitation Council, Citizen CPR, and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation.

Bob earned his MSEE at the University of Washington in 1976. He and his wife Judy live in the beautiful Pacific Northwest where they enjoy their five young grandchildren and three grown kids either at home, on the river, or at the cabin.